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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Lithographic Apparatus and Device Manufacturing Method**
Inventor: Arno J. Bleeker
Our Ref: 1857.2870000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (2 sheets) listing 21 cited documents (**AA1-AM1 and AA2-AH2**);
3. A copy of the 2 cited foreign documents (**AL1 and AM1**); and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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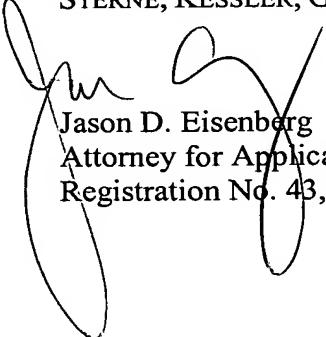
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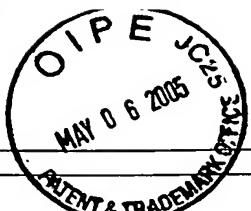

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	AB1	5,296,891	03/1994	Vogt et al.			
	AC1	5,500,736	03/1996	Koitabashi et al.			
	AD1	5,523,193	06/1996	Nelson			
	AE1	5,530,482	06/1996	Gove et al.			
	AF1	5,579,147	11/1996	Mori et al.			
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AB2	6,747,783 B1	06/2004	Sandstrom			
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AE2	6,811,953 B2	11/2004	Hatada <i>et al.</i>			
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